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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-6 were rejected as being unpatentable over Hudson (GB 2,329,541) in view of U.S. Patent 6,175,373 (Johnson).

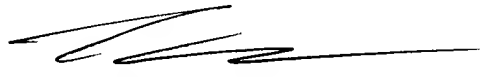
Applicants note that Hudson has a publication date of March 24, 1999. The present application claims priority to EPO 98201510.9, filed on May 8, 1998. A certified copy of the EPO document has been filed with the USPTO. Accordingly, the Office Action's reliance on Hudson as effective prior art is improper and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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